

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Wesley L. Magruder Farm
2. Planning Area/Site Number 25/11
3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 14 C-15
4. Address Glen Road
Travilah, Maryland
5. Classification Summary
- Category building
- Ownership private
- Public Acquisition N.A.
- Status unoccupied
- Accessible no
- Present use unoccupied
- Previous Survey Recording M-MCPC Federal State X County X Local Historical Sites Inventory 1976
6. Date 1859
7. Original Owner: Wesley L. Magruder
8. Apparent Condition
- a. fair
- b. unaltered
- c. original site

Description: This five bay, two & a half story T-plan frame house sits on a hill overlooking Glen Road and Travilah Road facing east. The house has white asbestos shingles. The east porch has a shed roof with a cross gable supported by four turned posts with jigsawed brackets. There is a south porch with a shed roof. There are two over two double hung windows. In the east cross gable there is a Palladian window with stained glass sections over two lights. The intersecting gable roof with an east cross gable, has red tin covering.

10. Significance: The Wesley L. Magruder farm is a good example of the building tradition of the successful 19th century farmer. James Orme marked the property, located on two tracts known as "Bell Assize" and "The Resurvey of Piney Grove", in 1786. The land (in varying amounts of acreage) changed hands several times; and was sold to Wesley Magruder in 1847 for \$1,572. After losing his land, 12 years later, in 1859, Magruder bought the same land back and constructed the present house. Wesley was far ahead of his time in that he obtained a divorce long before it was socially acceptable, and lived unmarried with a woman with whom he had seven children, all of whom took the Magruder name. Although Wesley deeded his land in 1860 to John and Walter Magruder, Jr. to serve as Trustees of the property for his children, his family lived on the property until his death in 1877. The land remained in the Magruder family until 1901, when it was sold to George Linthicum. The farm had several different owners, who gradually pared it down to the present 12 acres owned by M. Josephine Duckett.
11. Date researched April 1978
- Researcher: Pamela Wolf
Candy Reed - Architectural Description
12. Compiler E. McGuckian
13. Date Compiled 11/78
14. Designation Approval
15. Acreage: 12 acres
(approximate)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Wesley L. Magruder Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Duckett Stables

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Glen Road

CITY, TOWN

Travilah

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. M. Josephine Duckett

Telephone #: (301) 972-7212

STREET & NUMBER

16001 Partnership Road

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20837

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 2246

Folio #: 274

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Historical Sites Inventory

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITARY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Architecturally, the Magruder house has several prime points of interest. The frame construction and use of wood throughout the house reveals an expertise in dealing with that material. The techniques of building walls, floors and roof of frame are no less intricate than the elegant Victorian woodwork. The front door and fireplace mantels are especially handsome in their detail and execution.

Also noteworthy, is the balance and symmetry of the overall design. The front facade has an almost Georgian quality with its evenly-spaced bays and central emphasis. Beneath the front central gable, the Palladian window of colored glass squares adds to the somewhat Georgian appearance. However, the carved detail of the porches and the irregularly gabled roof line give the building a distinctly Victorian flavor. Although several small modern additions have been made to the house, its architectural significance has not been greatly altered. These modern intrusions are simply not large enough to change the character or effectiveness of the house. Thus, the Wesley L. Magruder House is a building of appealing design, fine construction, and distinctive craftsmanship.

Situated on a hill overlooking both Glen Road and Travilah Road, the Wesley Magruder House is a two-and-a-half story, T-plan, house, with numerous additions. Thirty-seven by eighteen feet three and a half inches, the front (east) elevation of the house is five bays wide. The house has brick foundations and wooden framing. The original wooden clapboards have been covered by asbestos siding. All windows are two over two double hung, and probably wooden louvered shutters. There is a graceful wooden porch which extends across the front (east) elevation of the house. The porch has a shed roof with a cross gable above it in the roof.

The house has a gable roof with red tin raised seam covering. The roof is on a north-south axis. On the east facade the roof is intersected by a cross gable. There is a Victorian palladian window in the three cross gables. The upper half of each of the three windows in the palladian composition is stained glass. On the north facade two identical gable ends are visible. Both have boxed eaves and a simple cornice.

The original floor plan of the house involved two rooms, one on the north east and the other on the southeast flanking a central hall and stairway. On the southwest is a room whose function is uncertain. It is possible that this was either the kitchen or diningroom. To the northwest is a kitchen. There are two small modern porches to the north and east of the kitchen. Another porch extends along the south face of the southwest room.

Also on the property are several out buildings -- a barn, chicken house and stables. The area surrounding the Wesley Magruder is presently being developed. The pasture lots to the north and to the south are undergoing two-acre lot construction.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Local History	

SPECIFIC DATES 1859

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wesley L. Magruder farm is a good example of the building tradition of the successful 19th century farmer. As suburban sprawl reaches farther outward, the farm with its cluster of buildings could provide a link to the fast-disappearing tradition of another time.

James Orme was the first to survey and mark the property. It is located on two tracts known as "Bell Assize" and "The Resurvey of Piney Grove". It is further identified by a stone marker bearing the words "James Orme 1786".¹

This farm land (in varying amounts of acreage) changed hands several times: Orme to Thomas Beall in 1787;² Beall to George C. Washington in 1813; Washington to Samuel Hambleton in 1830;³ Hambleton to Samuel and Robert Freeland in 1835;⁴ Freeland to Thomas B. Offutt in 1842;⁵ John Brewer (as Trustee to settle Offutt's debts) to Wesley Magruder in 1847 for \$1,572. Wesley L. Magruder, who was in the process of getting a divorce, failed to comply with the terms of the purchase, and John Brewer, acting as trustee, resold the land to Walter Magruder, Jr. in 1849 for \$1,176. Ten years later, March 1, 1959, Wesley L. Magruder bought the same land back from Walter.⁶ Wesley's tax assessments from 1847 to 1859 provide interesting information but no conclusive date on his place of residence; he may have lived in the Walter Magruder household. He owned up to 10 slaves, household goods, and livestock, but no information on house or buildings is given.⁷ In the 1850 Census, Wesley is listed with Elizabeth V. Mullican, who became his wife, and a 1-year old child Jonathan Mullican, whom Wesley later refers to as Jonathan Magruder.⁸ Thus Wesley is far ahead of his time in that he obtained a divorce long before it was socially acceptable, and lived unmarried with a woman who conceived his child out of wedlock. They married in 1855 and had seven children.

On March 2, 1860, a year after his final purchase of the land, Wesley deeded his land to John F.D. Magruder and Walter Magruder, to serve as Trustees of the property for his children.⁹ Wesley and his family lived on the property until his death in 1877.¹⁰ Then Wesley's daughter Eleanor and her husband Winfield Scott Magruder (of a different Magruder family) purchased the land from the Trustees: thus, the land remained in the family until August 24, 1901,¹¹ when Eleanor and Winfield sold the land to George F. Linthicum. Linthicum lived on the farm for several years but sold it to Edward S. Hunter in 1909;¹² Hunter farmed the land until his death in 1917; his four sons who inherited the property sold it to James W. Nicol in 1919; Nicol operated a farm there until his death in 1932; his son sold it to Arthur L. Lowe in 1944;¹³ Lowe sold the house and farm buildings and 131 acres of land to Richard P. Moran in 1955,¹⁴

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(continued on attached sheet A)

Attachment Sheet A

which was about half of the Wesley L. Magruder's original acreage. Moran further subdivided the land a year later in 1956 when he sold the farmstead on a 25-acre plot to Richard B. Duckett and his wife Mary Josephine, the current owners.¹⁵

The first written record of the existence and location of the Magruder house appears in the Sentinel on Dec. 9, 1859. An advertisement offers for sale the "farm of Wesley L. Magruder", 258 acres including dwelling house, kitchen, barn, meat house, stable and tobacco houses --- all nearly new".¹⁶ Other buildings of undetermined dates are on the property: the tenant house, shed, 3 barns, small animal shed and chicken coop. Further buildings on the farm were built in recent years.

FOOTNOTES

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, JGN 8, Folio 44
2. Ibid, Liber C, Folio 542
3. Ibid, Liber BS4, Folio 156
4. Ibid, Liber BS7, Folio 386
5. Ibid, BS11, Folio 87
6. Ibid, JGH 7, Folio 260
7. Montgomery County Tax Assessment Records, 1847, District 4
8. Montgomery County, Maryland, District 4
9. Montgomery County, JGN 8, Folio 44
10. Montgomery County Orphan Court Records, Docket 5, Folio 86
11. Land Records, TD 17, Folio 421
12. Ibid, Liber 202, Folio 152
13. Ibid, Liber 933, Folio 180
14. Ibid, Liber 2066, Folio 232
15. Ibid, Liber 2246, Folio 274
16. Montgomery County Sentinel, December 9, 1859.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Attachment Sheet B

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12 acres (Approximate)**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The property is bounded by Glen Road to the south with a long $\frac{1}{2}$ mile drive leading to the house and outbuildings. The eastern property line extends about 200 feet east of the tenant house, just short of the large dairy barn. The large pasture space extending north of the buildings about one mile forms the northern boundary. The western boundary line lies about 200 feet west of the indoor riding ring.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Pamela J. Wolf and Sally Dilonardo

Condy Reed - Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

April 27, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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~~Annapolis, Maryland 21401~~
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M. Josephine Duckett, March 20, 1978

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Wesley Magruder House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Glen Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Potomac				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: R. B. Duckett				
STREET AND NUMBER: Glen Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Potomac			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

M.25-11

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure built on an L-plan. The facade is five bays with a central doorway with transom light. There is a central gable with a three part window. There is a porch with bracketed posts, running across the facade. Part of the rear ell is older than the present main block.

There are a number of outbuildings, some old.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

28 Feb 75

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____



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NAME WESLEY MAGRUDER HOUSE

LOCATION QLEN RD., TRACILAH, MD.

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